

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims:

1. *(withdrawn)* A method for preparing an extract of caper flower buds comprising:
 (a) providing caper flower buds, and
 (b) performing a supercritical fluid extraction of said buds.
2. *(withdrawn)* The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the caper flower buds are of the species *Capparis spinosa*.
3. *(withdrawn)* The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supercritical fluid comprises CO₂ and at least one cosolvent.
4. *(withdrawn)* The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the cosolvent comprises 2-octyldodecyl myristate (ODM).
5. *(withdrawn)* The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising subsequent to step (a): drying the buds; grinding the dried buds; and rehydrating the buds.
6. *(withdrawn)* The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extraction step is performed at a temperature between 30 and 90°C, at a pressure between 73 and 350 bars, and for a period of 0.5 to 10 hours.
7. *(withdrawn)* The method as claimed in claim 6, further comprising subsequent to step (b): decanting the extract; and filtering the extract.
8. *(withdrawn)* A method for producing a cosmetic composition, comprising: preparing the extract of claim 1, and admixing the extract in a cosmetically acceptable carrier.
9. *(withdrawn)* The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the extract accounts for between 0.1 and 10% by weight of the composition.

10. ***(withdrawn)*** The method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising: admixing at least one active ingredient selected from the group consisting of depigmenting agents, emollients, moisturisers, antiseborrheic agents, antiacne agents, keratolytic and desquamative agents, anti-wrinkle agents and tensors, draining agents, anti-irritation agents, soothing agents, slimming products, vitamins and their combinations, matting agents, anti-ageing ingredients, anti-wrinkle agents, and essential oils.

11. ***(withdrawn)*** The method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising: admixing at least one ultraviolet light ray filter selected from the group consisting of benzophenone-3, butyl methoxydibenzoyl methane, octocrylene, octyl methoxycinnamate, 4-methylbenzylidene camphor, octyl salicylate, tacephthalidene dicamphor sulphonic acid and drometrizole trisiloxane.

12. ***(withdrawn)*** The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the drying step is performed at a temperature of 60°C.

13. ***(withdrawn)*** The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the extraction step is performed at a temperature of 50°C, a pressure of 290 bars, and a period of 5 hours.

14. ***(withdrawn)*** The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the extract accounts for between 0.3 and 3% by weight of the composition.

15. ***(previously presented)*** A composition comprising:
one or more of cappaprenols 12, 13 and 14; and
a fatty acid.

16. ***(previously presented)*** A composition comprising from 14.8 to 42 mg of at least one of cappaprenols 12, 13 and 14 in 100 g of a fat.

17. ***(previously presented)*** A composition according to claim 15 wherein said fatty acid comprises at least one of palmitic acid, oleic acid, linoleic acid and linolenic acid.

18. **(previously presented)** A composition according to claim 15, wherein said composition is glucosinate-free.
19. **(previously presented)** A composition according to claim 15 prepared by the process of extracting flower buds of the species *Capparis spinosa* with a mixture of supercritical CO₂ and octyldodecyl myristate.
20. **(previously presented)** A cosmetic composition for topical application comprising:
 - a composition according to claim 15 and
 - a cosmetically acceptable carrier.